



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Environmental Education Resources

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Description:

- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) makes a wide range of information available to educate youths about our environment and promote environmental stewardship.
- IDEM provides written information for adults, including educators, parents and scout leaders, to help them educate children. For example, IDEM offers five lesson plans including, Air, Water, and Land Quality, Recycling, and Children's Environmental Health that meet various Indiana State Science Standards. IDEM also provides educational coloring booklets for children in grades K-2 and 3-5.
- IDEM provides online interactive resources for children, to help them develop a better understanding about their role in preserving Indiana's environment. For example, IDEM's Web page "*Indiana's Environment and You*" offers numerous links to materials that help teach students about their role in the environment and how their choices impact them, their community and all of Indiana. IDEM's "Enviroville" is an interactive Web site offering children a quiz about the environment. HoosiersCare is an interactive Web site offering all Hoosiers tips for energy conservation and pollution prevention.

Environmental Impacts:

- Each simple step an individual takes can help improve air and water quality; conserve water and energy; and, reduce waste. Each person's individual actions can add up to make a large, positive environmental change for Indiana's environment.

IDEM's Role:

- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEMs) professional staff members are available to serve as guest speakers for schools and organizations. Lessons on air, land, and water pollution, recycling, and children's environmental health are available.

Citizen's Role:

- Adults and children can use IDEM's education resources to build a better understanding about how they can make a difference in the environment.
- Scouts, in particular, can incorporate environmental stewardship into their activities. Visit IDEM's online resources or ask IDEM about recycling and energy conservation. IDEM is available to provide information for scouts who are working to earn their Tiger Scout badges for Conservation and Reducing-Reusing-Recycling; the Wolf Scout badge for Your Living World; and the Cub Scouts Geology and Academics Pin and Belt Loop.

More Information:

- For educational links, including lesson plans and tips for healthier classrooms, visit IDEM's Web page for educators at www.IN.gov/idem/4091.htm.
- For simple steps to help improve air and water quality, conserve water and energy, and reduce waste, visit IDEM's HoosiersCare Web site at www.IN.gov/idem/hoosierscare/.

- To take the HoosiersCare Pledge, visit www.IN.gov/ideM/hoosierscare/.
- To request a staff member to speak to your group, contact IDEM's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance at (800) 988-7901.